

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: ORTHODONTIC BRACKET

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 20, Please delete the second full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:**

*Q11*  
Figs. 2(A) and 2(B) are a cross sectional view and a plan view showing the orthodontic bracket of the first embodiment;

**Page 20, Please delete the third full paragraph and replace with the following new paragraph:**

*Q12*  
Figs. 3(A) and 3(B) are a cross sectional view and a plan view showing the orthodontic bracket of the first embodiment;